**Depth Study 2**

***The Khmer Empire, Shogunate Japan & Polynesian Expansion***

**Task: To write an exposition, arguing that one culture is more superior to another.**

*Remember, an exposition is an argument. It attempts to persuade the reader to believe something by presenting one side of the argument.*

**Your topic is**: The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ civilisation was more advanced than the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ civilisation.

*Examples: The* ***Polynesian*** *civilisation**was**more advanced than the* ***Shogunate Japanese*** *civilisation****,*** *or The* ***Khmer*** *civilisation was more advanced than the* ***Polynesian*** *civilisation.*

**Ideas for comparison**:

* Buildings/architecture
* Respect of genders eg. men, women
* Form of government/ruling
* Celebrations
* Armies
* Weaponry
* Religion
* Travels
* Art
* Language
* Health/Medicine
* Food collection, preparation
* Economy
* Other (check with your teacher)

**Common Assessment:**

Students are asked to do the following:

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1. Identify two societies to compare, and broadly research both societies

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1. Select two or three *ideas for comparison* (above), and research these specifically. Note the ways in which these societies differ, paying particular attention to how your chosen society is more advanced than the other

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1. Conduct your research, using a variety of sources, including Pearson History 8

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1. Include a bibliography

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1. Write a 1.5 - 2 page exposition (Font: Arial, Font Size: 11, Spacing: 1.5), arguing that your chosen society was more advanced than the other.

*To learn more about exposition writing, and how to scaffold your argument, access the following:*

* **Clickview**

Search ‘The Art of Persuasive Writing’ (13 mins)

* **Writing Fun**

[www.west.cdn.mathletics.com/flexBin/assets/spellodromeSCAssets/WritingFun/writingfun.swf](http://www.west.cdn.mathletics.com/flexBin/assets/spellodromeSCAssets/WritingFun/writingfun.swf)

*Choose the 5th green dot down the right side of the page called Persuasion (exposition)*

* **Language features and structure of an exposition**

[www.lrrpublic.cli.det.nsw.edu.au/lrrSecure/Sites/LRRView/12807/documents/lang\_feat\_expos.pdf](http://www.lrrpublic.cli.det.nsw.edu.au/lrrSecure/Sites/LRRView/12807/documents/lang_feat_expos.pdf)

* **Exposition/Argument Writing: Scaffold**

<http://www.virtualteacher.com.au/exposition2.pdf>

* **Exposition Text Type**

<http://sacsnet.sacs.nsw.edu.au/library/Texttypes/ttexposition.htm>

* **Persuasion Map**

<http://www.readwritethink.org/files/resources/interactives/persuasion_map/>